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MEXICAN MAFIA GANG MEMBERS SENTENCED FOR PRISON MURDER

Ocala, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that Senior U.S. District Judge Wm. Terrell Hodges yesterday sentenced Osbaldo Farias (35, of Laredo, Texas) to 35 years in federal prison for second degree murder. Farias had been found guilty on February 26, 2010, following a jury trial. The court previously sentenced Farias's co-defendant, Gerardo Martinez--who testified against Farias at Farias's trial--to more than 21 years in prison. According to court documents and evidence at trial, Farias, a member of the Mexican Mafia prison gang, and Martinez, an associate of the gang's, were ordered to attack another Mexican Mafia prison gang member while all three were incarcerated at the Special Housing Unit in USP-1 at the Coleman Correctional Facility. Farias stabbed the victim in the back several times and he and Martinez then beat the victim. The victim died before reaching the hospital.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vincent A. Citro.